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SUBJECT: QADHAFI ADDRESSES AFRICAN ISSUES

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN SPEECH DELIVERED DURING BANQUET IN HONOR
OF VISITING GUINEA PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE, COLONEL QADHAFI
CONDEMNED NEW "IMPERIALIST" PLOTS DIRECTED AGAINST AFRICA;
EMPHASIZED LIBYA'S ROLE AS A PEACEMAKER IN THE HORN, CHAD,
AND SUDAN; AND REAFFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT THE AFRICA OF THE
SEVENTIES IS CAPABLE OF SOLVING ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS WITHOUT
OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. QADHAFI ALSO CALLED FOR URGENT AFRICAN
SUMMIT MEETING TO DEAL WITH WESTERN SAHARA ISSUE. SPEECH
WAS COUCHED IN USUAL "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" RHETORIC AND APPEARED
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DIRECTED AGAINST ALLEGED WESTERN INTERVENTION RATHER THAN
SOVIET OR CUBAN ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

1. QADHAFI USED BANQUET APRIL 17 FOR VISITING GUINEA
PRESIDENT AHMED SEKOU TOURE TO KEEP HIS AFRICAN CRE-
DENTIALS IN GOOD ORDER. GENERAL THEME WAS THAT "THE
IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES" HAVE NOW EMBARKED ON DIRECT MEANS

TO RETURN COLONIALISM TO AFRICA USING BOTH REGULAR ARMED FORCES (INSERT FRENCH) AND CERTAIN PUPPET AFRICAN REGIMES. THESE POLITICO-MILITARY EFFORTS ARE, IN TURN, BOLSTERED BY ATTEMPTS TO LINK AFRICA ONCE MORE TO "IMPERIALIST TREATIES" AND COMES IN ADDITION TO THE QUOTE TIGHTENING OF THE GRIP OF THE IMPERIALIST MONOPOLIES TO LOOT THE REST OF THE AFRICAN WEALTH UNQUOTE. QADHAFI SAID THESE ATTEMPTS WILL BE DEFEATED BECAUSE THE AFRICA OF THE SEVENTIES HAS QUOTE ACQUIRED THE ABILITY TO SHOULDER ITS RESPONSIBILITIES....AND HAS ACQUIRED THE WILL TO FACE ITS PROBLEMS UNQUOTE.

2. QADHAFI THEN WENT ON TO STRESS LIBYA'S ROLE AS "PEACEMAKER" IN CHAD, SUDAN AND THE HORN. WITH REGARD TO THE CHAD "CIVIL WAR," QADHAFI SAID THIS PROBLEM WAS BEING SOLVED THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF SUDAN, NIGER AND LIBYA, WHILE IN SUDAN, LIBYA WAS ABLE TO END THE "CIVIL WAR" WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN THE SUDANESE NATIONAL FRONT AND THE SUDAN GOVERNMENT. DECLARING THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE "AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM" WILL ATTEMPT TO OBSTRUCT THIS FINAL SOLUTION BOTH FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND THE INTERESTS OF THEIR IMPERIALIST MASTERS, QADHAFI ASSERTED THAT THE PEOPLE OF SUDAN, LIKE THE PEOPLE OF CHAD, WILL DEFEAT THESE ATTEMPTS. HE AFFIRMED THAT LIBYA IS IN ALLIANCE WITH SUDAN AND CHAD TO RESIST THESE "IMPERIALIST ATTEMPTS."
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3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE AFRICAN HORN, QADHAFI PRAISED THE COURAGE OF SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE WHO, HE SAID, WAS PERSUADED TO WITHDRAW HIS FORCES FROM THE OGADEN FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO LIBYA. HE ADDED THAT THIS ISSUE HAD BEEN SOLVED QUOTE BECAUSE OF AFRICAN CONSULTATION AND BY AN AFRICAN WILL WITHOUT EXTERNAL PRESSURE UNQUOTE. THESE AFRICAN EFFORTS MUST BE CONTINUED BUT, HE ADDED, THIS PROBLEM WILL QUOTE BECOME MORE COMPLEX IF THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES INTERFERED AND CLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP (WISAYAH) IN THIS AFRICAN PROBLEM UNQUOTE.

4. QADHAFI ALSO BRIEFLY ADDRESSED WESTERN SAHARA PROBLEM. REITERATING THAT THE UN SECGEN HAD CALLED THIS PROBLEM "ONE OF THE HOTTEST" IN THE WORLD TODAY, QADHAFI SAID THAT AN AFRICAN SUMMIT MEETING SHOULD BE CONVENED ON AN URGENT BASIS (ARABIC VERSION) AND THAT THE PASSAGE OF TIME DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE FOR IT QUOTE INCREASES THE ATTRITION OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED... AND... IT WILL CREATE AN

EXCUSE FOR IMPERIALISM TO INTERFERE IN AFRICA UNQUOTE.

5. COMMENT. SPEECH CONTAINS NO NEW DEPARTURES AND IS CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS OVER PAST FEW MONTHS TO EMPHASIZE LIBYA'S AFRICAN CONNECTIONS. DESPITE QADHAFI'S EMPHATIC SUPPORT OF AFRICAN SOLUTIONS FOR AFRICA'S PROBLEMS AND HIS STRONG CONDEMNATION OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION, IT APPEARS HE IS NOT YET READY TO PUBLICLY CONFRONT QUESTION OF BLATANT INTERVENTION BY SOVIETS AND CUBANS WHO, IN THE LOCAL LITANY, ARE NOT ENCOMPASSED BY THE TERM "IMPERIALISM." WHILE QADHAFI SEEMS WILLING TO WAIT FOR THE OAU TO HAVE FIRST GO AT WESTERN SAHARA MEDIATION, HE TAKES TOUGHER LINE ON CHAD, AND IF SEBHA II NOT IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIBYAN INTERPRETATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE CAN EXPECT MORE EXPLICIT DENINGRATION OF MALLOUM IN FUTURE AS ONE OF THE "AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM" ALLUDED TO IN HIS SPEECH.

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